



## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP**

**April 12th, 2018**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family  
1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007**

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (EPI Work Group) was held on April 12, 2018 at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family (GOYFF), 1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

### **Members Present (9)**

Catie Clark, Chair, Statistical Analysis Center, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Angela Aguayo, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Anne Burke, Inter Tribal Council/Tribal Epidemiology Center (Proxy for Jamie Ritchie)

Deborah (Kurth) Jones, Ph.D., Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile Justice Division

Douglas K. Kramer, Treatment Assessment Screening Center, Inc. (Via Phone)

Alexandra O'Hannon, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

James Riggs, Arizona Department of Corrections (Via Phone)

John Vivian, Ph.D., Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (Via Phone)

Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D., Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, ASU (Via Phone)

### **Staff/Guests Present (4)**

Daniel Greenleaf, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Cielo Mohapatra, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Valarie VanAuker, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Grant Yoder, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center

### **Members Absent (2)**

Peggy Glider, Ph.D., The University of Arizona

Linda Jewell, Department of Child Safety



### Call to Order

- **Ms. Clark** called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm with nine members and four staff/guests present.

### Welcome/Introductions

- **Ms. Clark** asked each member and guest to introduce him/herself.

### Review of Packet and Agenda

- **Ms. Clark** asked participants to review meeting materials.

### Approval of March 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes

- **Ms. Clark** requested a review of the meeting minutes from March 8th, 2018.
- **Ms. O'Hannon** moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded **Dr. Kurth**, The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

### Statewide Substance Use Needs Assessment

- **Mr. Greenleaf** and **Ms. Mohapatra** were invited by **Ms. Clark** to present about their upcoming statewide needs assessment.
- **Mr. Greenleaf** thanked everyone for allowing them the opportunity to speak about the needs assessment, and explained the last statewide needs assessment was done in 2009.
- **Ms. Mohapatra** provided more details about the needs assessment, and specified that given the timeline of the project, this was not an RFP, but a Task Order that was released last week. It was explained that with the merger of Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) it was a good time to assess the gaps in prevention. **Ms. Mohapatra** stated that they hope to award the contract and begin work on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Ms. Mohapatra** expressed the desire to engage new stakeholders, like the EPI Work Group, in the project and identify relevant statewide data sources. **Ms. Mohapatra** ultimately explained that the needs assessment will be a tool in developing a statewide strategic plan, and AHCCCS was hoping to utilize the expertise in the EPI Work Group and have the contractor present their methodological approach to the group.
- **Ms. O'Hannon** expressed a concern about expanding the data collection beyond the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs) and do recruitment all over the state. **Ms. Mohapatra** clarified that they have reached out to primary care organizations, tribal councils, the VA, faith based groups, and ACJC in an effort to reach as many organizations as possible. **Mr. Greenleaf** also pointed out that the Task Order specifies outreach to rural communities, and not just funded groups.
- **Ms. Clark** explained that data will be related to consumption, consequences, as well as risk and protective factors, so it would be beneficial to have input from everyone on the EPI Work Group as they each have different expertise. **Mr. Greenleaf** indicated he is trying to understand data sharing and access with MOUs.
- **Mr. Greenleaf**, suggested that the contractor present the selected methodological approach to the Work Group to get feedback and buy-in, but if it cannot be done by the meeting in May, it will be emailed out to Work Group members. **Mr. Greenleaf** wants to ensure the needs assessment can be incorporated into the strategic plan, and shared he views EPI as being a critical part of that process.
- **Ms. Mohapatra** also explained that she would like to include EPI Work Group members in the acknowledgement page.
- **Ms. Clark** suggested the group would be interested in providing feedback about the project, and will schedule a time for discussion.



### Department of Juvenile Corrections Scorecard Update

- **Dr. Vivian** provided an update about the Juvenile Corrections Scorecard. **Dr. Vivian** shared they are having a hard time retaining the right people in corrections, with 8% of Youth Correction Officers leaving in the past month. However, the Department of Juvenile Corrections has done a great job getting services in place before juveniles are released.
- It was also reported by **Dr. Vivian** that the percentage of youth released on parole was slightly below their target, and they are working to ensure youth are ready to be placed back in the community.
- **Dr. Vivian** also shared that there will be a report analyzing three years of recidivism data released in April.

### EPI Charter Revisions

- **Ms. Clark** requested a review of the EPI charter revisions, and opened the floor for discussion.
- There were no comments. **Ms. Burke** moved to accept the revisions. Seconded by **Ms. O' Hannon**. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

### Future Directions of EPI

- **Ms. Clark** introduced the results of the project interest survey, and highlighted the five projects of interest:
  1. Creation of Community Data Profile for ASAP,
  2. Recommendations to ASAP that more public facing data be shared on the CDP,
  3. Assist AHCCCS in Substance Abuse Prevention Needs Assessment,
  4. Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs),
  5. Request from AHCCCS to assist with opioid epidemic.
- **Ms. Clark** explained that as ASAP defines their goals and targets, Epi will refer to these projects as potential A3s for EPI's strategic plan.

### Prevention Program Survey Update

- **Ms. Clark** explained the results of the EPI project interest survey as listed under future directions.

### Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities Training Update

- **Dr. Wolfersteig**, stated that the new manuals are to be delivered very shortly, then asked **Ms. Clark** if she could defer to **Mr. Yoder** to provide the updates about the upcoming trainings.
- **Mr. Yoder** provided details about the nine trainings currently being organized.

### 2018 Meeting Schedule

- **Ms. Clark** explained conflicts with meetings in May, August, and November and opened the discussion about alternative dates.
- It was suggested that the meeting scheduled on May 10<sup>th</sup> be rescheduled. **Ms. Clark** asked if there was a preference to move to Tuesday or Wednesday, as there was no preference **Ms. Clark** proposed Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. There was no dissent.
- It was also suggested that the meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> be rescheduled, and **Ms. Clark** proposed Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>. There was no dissent.
- **Ms. Clark** also explained there would be no EPI meeting in July.
- The final meeting to reschedule was on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and **Ms. Clark** proposed November 6<sup>th</sup>. There were no objections. There was no dissent. **Ms. O' Hannon** did explain that October is the Red Ribbon event, but was unsure of the date and will inform the group once the date is finalized.

### Call to the Public

- **Ms. Clark** did a call to the public; there were no responses from the public.



#### **Floor opened to discussion**

- **Ms. Burke** explained that she will be unable to attend the May meeting, but will try to call in.
- **Ms. Clark** provided an update about the AYS, which is going very well. Over 24,000 youth have responded, and ACJC expects to collect responses from 50,000 to 60,000 kids. **Ms. Clark** also informed the Work Group that it was not too late to get the AYS implemented at school, should the Work Group know of anyone who is interested.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Ms. Clark** moved to adjourn. There were no objections.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 pm.

Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group  
Respectfully Submitted By:

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On behalf of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family